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Central: a university divided

Chairs pen letter of discontent

by Mark Eaton
Editor

A letter sent by 27 faculty chairs and department heads has prompted Gov. Booth Gardner's office to reconsider the reappointment of Dr. R. Y. Woodhouse, Central Board of Trustees chairperson.

The letter, which has drawn some criticism on campus and media attention throughout the state, says in part, "(Woodhouse) has contributed to a serious moral problem which threatens to disrupt the efficient operation of the university."

The letter asks the governor not proceed with Woodhouse's nomination for reappointment to the board.

A hearing has been set for Feb. 19 in Olympia to decide what action will be taken regarding Woodhouse's reappointment.

Barry Donahue, director of The William O. Douglas Honors College, was in charge of drafting the letter and at a forum discussion Sunday gave two reasons for writing it:

- Woodhouse's long-term secrecy in university decision making.

- How Woodhouse conducted the recent presidential search.

Donahue cited several examples of faculty chair complaints that were not in the letter sent to the governor's office.

All of the examples centered around lack of communication between faculty and administration on budgetary decision making.

The letter also stated the undersigner's support for Ivory Nelson.

"Please understand that

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Dr. R. Y. Woodhouse

Woodhouse hearing set

The fate of Dr. R. Y. Woodhouse's position as trustee will be discussed at a meeting of the Senate Higher Education Committee Feb. 19.

The meeting will give those who have insight into Woodhouse's abilities a chance to testify on or against her behalf.

Phil Backlund, a legislative liaison for Central said the meeting is likely to have a large attendance.

The reappointment of a trustee rarely comes under fire said Backlund.

There will be a full Senate vote on Woodhouse's reappointment at a future date.

Letter draws fire at Sunday meeting

by Mark Eaton
Editor

A meeting held last Sunday to discuss tension surrounding the reappointment of Dr. R. Y. Woodhouse to the board of trustees brought out many questions and two more letters destined for the Governor's office.

Sunday's meeting held in the Samuelson Union Building's Yakima room, attracted more than 50 concerned faculty members, administrators and students.

Most at the meeting questioned the letter and some said it gave the appearance of voicing campus opinion when it was actually only the opinion of the 27 faculty chairs.

The meeting was opened by Murry Larsen, of student affairs, who was acting as an organizer and mediator.

Facing the crowd and center of the controversy were three of the faculty chairs who

signed the letter. The three include: Ken Hammond, chair of the geography department, George Town, chair of the computer science department and the letter's author Dr. Barry Donahue, director of the Douglas Honors College.

Donahue started the forum by reading the letter asking for the withdrawal of the Woodhouse reappointment.

Donahue presented the reasons for the letter and gave some examples of Woodhouse's leadership shortfalls.

First to criticize the letter was Bobby Cummings, a professor in the English department.

Cummings felt the letter was easily misread and that it gave false indication that all of the faculty were unhappy with Woodhouse.

Cummings felt there were other reasons for the letter.

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Education bill makes debut in legislature

State Legislature

by Jill Johnson
Managing editor



Photo by Katy Anderson/ The Observer

Aaron Reardon and student Board of Directors President Eric Peter head Central's visit to Olympia on Feb. 4.

A bill known as the Higher Education Access Act of 1992, passed from the House Higher Education Committee to the House Appropriations Committee Wednesday Feb. 5.

The measure, co-sponsored by Rep. Gary Locke, D-Seattle, house appropriations chairman and Rep. Ken Jacobsen, D-Seattle, higher education chairman includes an increase in student tuition, financial aid and gives the university authority to adjust its own tuition cost and enrollment lids.

James Pappas, interim-president, said he is in support of the Locke-Jacobsen bill because it increases the amount of financial aid by a proposed \$17.4 million and removes the risk of further cuts in the university's budget.

"The Locke-Jacobsen bill theoretically pumps more money into financial aid for middle income students," Pappas said.

"The significant thing here is that the definition of the middle income student

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Letter sent on Central stationary confusing

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"Please understand that President Nelson has our full support; we will do everything we can to help him succeed. In fact, we feel his chances for success will be enhanced if Dr. Woodhouse is no longer on the Board."

Donahue said he did not want the letter to reach the press and said it was leaked by the governor's office to the Yakima Herald Republic.

Donahue also said the governor's office told him they have received other letters about a dissatisfaction with Woodhouse's performance.

Brawls, battles and bathroom bandits

An assault between two men at Muzzall Hall was reported Saturday, according to campus police.

The fight occurred when the occupant of a room complained to one of his guests about making a mess, police said.

The room's occupant told police he was out of the room and returned to find it in a mess. The man said when he complained to his guests, one of them tried to assault him.

When police arrived the man was being restrained and officers defused the situation.

Police said no charges against the man were being made.

Two assaults were reported in the Student Village area Friday night, according to campus police.

A man who suffered a cut and swollen lip, told police he was jumped by five men as he



CAMPUS COPS

by Mark Eaton

walked to a friend's apartment.

Police said the man appeared intoxicated and told them he didn't know any of the men who assaulted him.

The man told police he would press charges if he ever finds out who the men were.

Another fight was reported Friday in the Student Village area.

Four people complained to police they were assaulted in what party goers described to police as a "free for all" fight.

Police said three people received abrasions and one had a swollen eye. The people said they were assaulted by the same man.

When police contacted the man he said he arrived at the party and there was a fight already in progress. The man said he was hit and had to defend himself. He told police he did not know who he hit. No one involved was pressing charges, police said.

A man turned himself in to police after he eluded them by kicking out a window in the women's bathroom at Wilson Hall, according to a campus police report.

Police said they found the man in the bathroom after responding to a complaint of two men in the women's bathroom.

The man broke out the window while police ques-

tioned one man outside the bathroom. The man had told police the other man in the bathroom was not feeling well.

Police charged the man with malicious mischief and released him. The other man was let off with a warning.

A woman's Student Village apartment was broken into and burglarized while she slept Sunday morning, according to a campus police report.

A check book and some tapes totalling \$100 in value were reported missing, police said.

The woman told police she woke and found her window ajar and her purse and apartment ransacked.

She said she had not heard any noise. Police said they are continuing the investigation.

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"This is an agenda to a attack the president (Nelson)," Cummings said.

The incoming president, Ivory Nelson tried to distance himself from the controversy.

"People have a right to do what they want to do," Nelson said in a phone interview Friday.

"I hope the voices of reason and the voices of sanity will come forward and everything will come out better for it," Nelson said.

As Sunday's meeting, the voices of sanity seemed to come from all different directions at once.

Most agreed everyone should

support Nelson and push forward for the university's sake.

"For us to succeed, he has to succeed," Dale Otto, professor of bilingual studies said.

At the end of the meeting two letters surfaced. One letter, authored by graduate student Gordon Koestler, was in support of Woodhouse and was set up in petition form. Koestler's letter is available for signing until tomorrow.

A third letter, was came from Murry Larson and was written to show Central can support the incoming president and still disagree on other issues.

That letter is available to be signed in the SUB.

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Legislative Day a learning experience

by Katy Anderson
Staff reporter

Central's strong contingent of 70 students made its way to Olympia to discuss with representatives the proposed tuition hikes and program cuts as part of Legislative Day Tuesday Feb. 4.

Eric Peter, student Board of Directors president, said the trip was organized for students to learn more about Washington State's capital and to express their thoughts concerning current higher education issues.

"We are here to express our concern for the quality of higher education and the proposed tuition increase," Peter said addressing Sen. Gerald Sailing, R-Spokane.

Sen. Sailing, chair of higher education, said his bill will provide more money for education.

Sailing said the basic thing he



Several Central students pose with Rep. Gary Chandler during Legislative Day last Tuesday.

wants to do is help higher education. "My desire, if there is a tuition increase, is it will go to higher education," he said.

While in Olympia students were taken on a guided tour of both the senate and house chambers and learned about the history of the building and its architecture, as well as how the senate and house work.

After the tour, students were led to the state reception room where they listened to speakers: Brendan Williams, Washington Student Lobby (WSL) staff consultant, Steve Lindstrom, WSL lobbyist, Rep. Ken Jacobsen, D-Seattle, chair of higher education, Rep. Gary Chandler, R-Moses Lake and Rep. Clyde Ballard, R-Chelan.

The speakers informed students about the tuition hikes.

Chandler said the first area of cuts are in programs that hurt people.

"I want to protect higher education from any more cuts," Chandler said.

Later in the day, students were given an opportunity to meet with their senators and

representatives.

Central senior, Scott Westlund, 21, a political science and international business major said Sen. David Cooper, D-Cowlitz, was concerned about higher education and the tuition increase.

Westlund, who pays for his tuition through the Army Reserve and by working summers, said he is concerned about this proposed tuition hike.

"I really don't think it will help the middle class," he said. "I think we need to pressure the Legislatures."

However, Westlund said protesting on the capitol steps is not an effective form of communication because "you're not one on one with the Legislatures."

At 1:30 there was also a senate and house committee meeting that students could attend. At that meeting the reconstructing of higher education tuition and fees was discussed.

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goes up to \$49,000 a year not including farm land or home equity."

The proposal also contains a financial aid formula that changes the type of financial aid available for middle class students. Under the Locke-Jacobsen bill, middle-class students would receive more diversified aid in the form of loans, grants and work study.

However the bill does have its limitations including a significant increase in tuition. Like Governor Booth Gardner proposed 14 percent increase, the Locke-Jacobsen tuition hike will be based on the cost of attending peer universities throughout the nation, something Eric Peter, student Board of Directors President, feels is unacceptable.

"It takes the tuition price setting mechanism out of the hands of the Legislature and

instead gives other states economies and tuition price policy, control over our future tuition," Peter said.

Pappas agrees the tuition increase is hard for students to swallow.

"Generally I have told the legislature that the best form of financial aid is low tuition," Pappas said.

"But when faced with taking another 2.5 percent budget cut or raising tuition—I said, as did presidents of other universities—raise tuition."

What the Legislature is telling us, Pappas said, is if we don't accept the Locke-Jacobsen bill another 2.5 percent cut will go into effect.

"These cuts would be all in one year," he said.

"How do you do that and serve students? That would be the most brutal and bloodiest thing you've ever seen in your life."

The way the bill is written, the only cut the university

should expect is a mandatory five percent cut to the administration and its support staff, Pappas said.

Peter said he still feels both tuition increases and budget cuts are unacceptable.

"I'm not going to encourage the students to fall over," Peter said, "but given a choice, I favor a budget cut because supposedly the budget cut is only for the rest of the biennium, a tuition increase is never going to go down. That's for an eternity."

The proposal also gives university's more institutional flexibility and local autonomy.

"We (state university's) have always accused the legislature of micro-managing," Pappas said "What they are doing is turning around and saying 'Okay we're giving you more institutional flexibility'"

Along with the tuition increase the bill would eliminate the mandatory tuition waiver program and enable universities to keep tuition money on campus rather than send it back to the state treasury for distribution.

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• Feb. 27: First Investors, Management trainee Program. (all majors)

• Feb. 27-28: Boeing Company (business and technical majors) group meeting at 7 p.m. SUB 204-205.

• March 4: Aberdeen School District, K-6, Pre-school, Elem Gifted, Jr High: Science, Soc Studies, PE, High School: Math, Science, English Social Studies, Voc Tech. Specialists: Pre-School/ Developmental Delays, Resource Room Teachers (K-12), School Psychologists.

• March 5: Wenatchee School District All subjects. All grades. Group meeting 9 a.m. SUB 204-5. Interviewing at CPPC

• March 12: Vancouver School District. All subjects. All grades. Group meeting at 9 a.m., SUB 104. Interviewing at CPPC.

SCHOOL DISTRICTS INTERVIEWING

• March 3: Issaquah School District, K-8, Secondary Biology, Physics, Chemistry, Math, Industrial Arts, Special Ed, and School Psychologist. Group meeting at 10 a.m. in SUB 104.

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JCPenney

EDITORIAL

OBSERVANCE

A thoughtless letter from 27 Ph. D. s

Some people around the state are starting to think nothing good can possibly come out of Central.

Every time the university is in the news it is for a negative reason.

Here is a simple list:

- Provost ousted, president resigns, national accreditation lost—then state accreditation lost and regained and like a cherry atop the many scoops of ice cream computer pornography scandal.

Now to further the chaos, a group of faculty chairs have decided to generate more bad press for the university. They, I imagine, thought they were doing good and were thinking everyone else would let it flow and watch the heap grow higher.

But, this appears to have backfired. The problem of communication seems to exist, but mostly in the letter written by these 27 faculty chairs.

When you look at the list of names who endorsed the letter and who were the collective mind behind this important transcript it doesn't reflect the content of the letter.

The letter was unspecific and pouty. And I think it was this way for a reason.

There was something stifling their real feelings and voices.

Apprehension.

The letter was written in the same fashion a person walks through the yard at night—they were very careful not to step on any dog piles.

The letter read in-effect.

Uba duba duba—we don't like Roz Woodhouse.

Sincerely, but with little thought, 27 faculty chairs who desire only to go wha, wha, wha all the way home.

If you are going to try and overturn the governor's reappointment of the head trustee you had better find plenty of evidence of that trustee's incompetence and give a few pages of solid examples as to why it would improve the university.

The letter was sloppy.

Time may have been a factor, but other letters will go out this week and will be heard in time.

Three reasons this letter failed:

- The 27 chairs did not consult the rest of the campus on the issue and even though signing the letter as just 27 minds they also gave the appearance of being an all-encompassing voice.

- Sunday's meeting in the SUB was the clearest indication the campus community was not happy with their indulgence.

- They based their grievance with Woodhouse, who has been serving for the last 6 years, on the most recent demonstration of her work—the presidential search. If they wanted to give reasons for a person's dismissal they should take time to cover the person's entire work experience.

- When they said the search for the president was faulty, then one must think they find fault with the presidential pick also. But, they try and defuse this by saying they welcome the new president (don't take this personally Dr. Nelson, but we think we could have found a better man for the job and we'll support you but really you know we think very little of you, sir).

Blowing grease and 409 out the same hole my mom says.

This university may need a new trustee or seven. Stagnation happens and this may be the case of R.Y. Woodhouse, but at least give a few real reasons and justify your recommendations.

Here is my suggestion: I say we write a letter suggesting those 27 absent minded professors be recommended for slots on the route 13 metro-class bus route as drivers. Then they would really have something to complain about.

Mark Eaton— Editor

Oh—oh they say she's got to go . . .



LETTERS

No jokes

To the editor:

It always shocks me to see how extreme the forms of racism get on our campus.

From comic strips by Zimmerman to hall-side

chats with administrators

passing along racist jokes,

and in the coldest month of

the year a group has chosen

to oust Dr. Woodhouse, and

what is the point to all this?

Maybe you need more of a

taste yourself as readers to

fully get the picture.

Is Zimmerman trying to say

that it is laughable that

Central would ever be a place

that would accept cultural

diversity? Or is he saying

diversity is laughable?

Now on the other extreme, I

was approached by Dean

Frye who passed along this

rather insensitive joke. The

joke was told to him by a

town person over coffee.

Townie: "Well, I guess you'll

save money up there at

Central."

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Centralite: "How's that?" Townie: "You'll just have to patch a watermelon patch instead of a Japanese garden."

Frye said this joke upset him. But, why pass this joke along to me during a hallside chat? It seems to me many times, that it's assumed that because I am Caucasian, I

wouldn't be offended. I didn't laugh and I'm still not laughing, and my intention in passing the joke along to the readers, is to show how nauseating like at Central can get and there are a lot more examples out there.

Last month I wrote a positive article about a mountain of a man, Martin Luther King Jr. and now this week a rather critical letter.

So, to conclude, I would just like to pass along some advice.

To Zimmerman, have a point to your humor.

To Dean Frye, have a point to your picking me out to tell your experience to.

We all choose the people to have coffee with, and it's good to know you didn't let that remark go by without a confrontation.

Another nauseating week in Ellensburg, and damn cold in many ways.

Annette Weis

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LETTERS

From LETTERS / page 5

Leave it in the newsroom

To the editor:

How dare you insult your patron, Ms. Rowe.

Only a week ago, you made the following warm invitation: "I am telling you, anyone who wants to write... can... letters, especially, are wanted." Because of your kind invitation, Ms. Rowe did so, using a courteous, straightforward, genuine tone that expressed a serious matter: the public demeaning of Central's new president. All you could do in response to Ms. Rowe's letter was to bash her metaphors; you failed entirely to address her grievance. How very irresponsible of you.

The cartoon in question is

indeed tasteless and insulting; moreover, it seeks to destroy the university community that Dr. Nelson strives to unify. So does your sarcastic tone. The Observer carries a responsibility to help build a sense of community, not destroy it. Please learn to respond more intelligently to patron letters. After all, this is a university.

Alex Whitman Pistoresse

Rep. thanks students

Dear Students:

I want to say thank you and to say how pleased I was to meet all of you last week. I really appreciate young adults coming over to Olympia to learn the process of

legislation.

Washington State has one of the most "open" legislatures in the country. A bill has a public hearing before Senate and House committees before considered by the house of the Legislature. Everyone has the opportunity to testify at these committee hearings. These hearings are not judicial proceedings. There are no prescribed rules to follow. Anyone can testify, you do not need legal training.

I encourage students who come over here to learn, to vote, to get involved on the local level in their communities in politics. The way changes are going to be made is by people in the local level getting involved and knowing what is going on at the State level and then finally on the National level.

My office is always open for your concerns, issues, and ideas. Please continue to keep in touch with those who represent you.

I am enclosing some pic-

tures for the class. I am sorry that I cannot send everyone a picture, but the policy this session has limited the number of pictures the legislatures can send to constituents.

Gary Chandler
State Representative
Thirteenth District

When will Zimmerman Learn

To the editor:

I found myself confused by the editorial cartoon in last week's Observer.

Obviously, the cartoonist is trying to create a sense of "bad faith" on the part of some segment or segments of the university community by questioning commitment to culture diversity. What I cannot figure out is who is being accused and why. I can readily admit that, like most universities in our country, ours could probably do better at fostering diversity. But, I am having difficulty deciding how to ascribe the blame your ascribes. It would be mean spirited to

blame the students, many of whom are experiencing their first chance to develop the sort of maturity that is apparently desired by the cartoonist.

I find it difficult to accuse the administration and faculty, as groups, of overtly racist attitudes without concrete evidence of the same. Of course, in any of the groups named, there could be people who represent the attitudes expressed in the cartoon, but exposing that fact does not seem to be the cartoonist's intent.

I also find some difficulty with the caricatures used to depict the racist attitude the cartoonist apparently seen somewhere in our community. I seems as though he would like us to believe that people who are not like himself are the only types who are intolerant of cultural diversity.

But of course, reasonable people know that one cannot stereotype shopkeepers, small town law enforcement officers, N.R.A. members, or any Americans, or suburban teenagers. Perhaps if the cartoonist were more accepting of people from cultural subgroups different from his, he would be able to make a more effective statement regarding cultural diversity.

Eugene J. Pistoresse

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SCENE

Central comic laughs his way to top

Wildcat alumni Vince Valenzuela appears on A&E's an 'Evening at the Improv'

by Michael Radice
Scene editor



Valenzuela

"Ellensburg: A town where the cows are big, and the girls are a little bit bigger," he said.

"It's a town where there's absolutely no where to go, but you have all day to get there," he said. "The speed limit is 25 miles per hour everywhere," he said.

"I guess they figure if they drive slow enough, the day will eventually pass."

Valenzuela speaks of getting drunk and watching cows. This was fascinating for him.

"Wouldn't it suck to be a cow and have hay fever," he said.

Valenzuela's no new-comer to the world of comedy. He has appeared in

clubs across the country. His resume of television work includes commercials for MTV, McDonald's, Rainier beer, an appearance on USA's up-all-night and a bit-part on the "Twin Peaks" movie.

The long climb to the top of the comedy world is not an easy one. He likens it too any occupation. It takes time to succeed in any job, he noted.

"It gets a little frustrating to see some people taking short-cuts, getting lucky breaks," he said.

"But everybody's on a different clock," he said. "It takes some people longer than others."

"For the most part, the people you see on the Carson show have been at it for around 14 or 15 years," he said.

Carson is a comedy legend, according to Valenzuela. Another legend, at least in his eyes, is Bob Hope. Valenzuela had the pleasure of meeting Hope in a hotel elevator, in Vancouver, B.C. It wasn't the most pleasant experience for him.

"When I realized who it was I had to tell him...Mr. Hope, it's an honor to meet you, I'm a comic and you've been a real influence on me," he said. "He didn't say anything for a while, and then he says, 'just going out to play some golf is all.'"

"Here I'm meeting a childhood hero and he's just a senile old man," he said. True story.

Valenzuela's comedy is quick-witted and calculating. Light on the vulgarities and heavy on the sarcasm.

In fact, he sees comics like Andrew Dice-Clay and Sam Kinison as flashes in the pan where their "shock" style comedy is concerned.

"I don't care for it," he said.

"I think it's more of a fad than anything else," he said. "But it may have led to other things [films, etc.] for them [Kinison and Clay], so I guess in that respect, it was good for them."

Kinison and Clay aren't the only comics with film aspirations. Valenzuela also hopes to make it big on the big, or little screen. Acting classes are in the works and he plans to move to the Los Angeles area soon.

While Valenzuela jokes about almost everything, including Ellensburg, he considers his time here worth while.

"It was money spent well," he said. "My marketing background gave me a sound basis for selling myself."

"It's harder to sell yourself than it is to sell someone, or something else," he said. "I mean, how do you go about telling someone how great and funny you are."

Valenzuela transferred to Central as a junior. He lived in Davies Hall. While there, he served a vital purpose for his fellow students.

"I bought beer for the younger ones," he said.

From the looks of his career, it's a safe bet to assume Vince Valenzuela is on the way up. Watch A&E's an Evening at the Improv Feb. 17 and judge for yourself.

Panties, not socks this year for V-Day

Say happy Valentine's Day with something more sexy than flowers



Brent DaPrun/The Observer

Valentine's day P.J.'s, modeled by Dani Perry, are among the many unusual gifts available for V-Day.

by Lori Leitner
Staff reporter

With Valentine's day fast approaching, people need to start thinking about how to make the day special for their "significant other."

One way to do just that is to

visit your local neighborhood lingerie shop.

PANTIES! are popular these days, according to lingerie store manager Staci Anderson.

Victoria's Lace, a lingerie shop in Ellensburg, caters to the amorous side of humanity.

However, they tend to shy away from the more sleazy paraphernalia.

"We just sell nice lingerie, no novelty stuff," Anderson said.

It's no surprise most of the employees at Victoria's Lace are women.

"I'd have a hard time seeing a man working in a place like this," she said. "However, many

"We just sell nice lingerie, no novelty stuff."
-Stacy Anderson
Store Manager

men come into the store to shop.

"A lot of men come in," she said. "Men buy lingerie for their wives or girlfriends."

Anderson is happy with her work at the store.

"It's fun helping people find gifts," she said. "I love working with the people. I love being able to help people find the types of gifts they are looking for."

In addition to working at the lingerie shop, Anderson works in the cosmetic industry.

In honor of Valentine's Day, she will be giving free facials to interested people.

So, as the day of love approaches, remember two things: panties, the most popular gift, and socks, the least popular.

Everything in between is a judgment call.

Student artist wins contest



Brent DaPrun/The Observer

Mayberry creates yet another masterpiece.

by Andrew Martin
Staff reporter

A Central art student was nominated for a \$1,000 grant to be awarded to an outstanding student-painter by the Binney and Smith Company. Scott Mayberry qualified for the grant after winning a \$500 award given by the same company.

Mayberry was required to submit five photos of his work for the competition sponsored by Binney and Smith. Competition was fierce and Mayberry emerged as one of the finalists.

Mayberry delves into his artwork with a passion. Mixed media, sculpting and painting, is his forte.

Recently, Mayberry, through his hard work and talent, managed to win another contest, this time at Yakima Valley Community College.

He was one of six Central students to win the \$500 prize.

Currently, Mayberry's work can be seen at the Larson Art Gallery on the campus of

Yakima Valley Community College.

The show, which also features the other Central finalists, will run through Feb. 24.

Mayberry graduates soon and graduate school is in the works where he plans to study in the visual arts, hopefully movies.

"I would like to be an art professor someday," he said.

Mayberry feels people are sometimes too self-serving. Through his artwork, he hopes to be able to make some changes for the better.

"One of my goals is to change people's attitude about morality and help them become less selfish toward others," he said.

Graduation for most, brings with it an unsure vision of the future, and Mayberry is no exception.

"I plan to live off my art when I finish," he said.

Rental of the Week

No Oscars in sight for Mobsters

An old friend of mine used to say, "Lower your standards and you're more likely to be impressed."

I must now pass the same advice on to you should you decide to rent the newly released "Mobsters," directed by Michael Kabbelnikoff.

"Mobsters" stars Christian Slater as Charlie "Lucky" Luciano, Patrick Dempsey as Meyer Lansky, Richard Grieco as "Bugsey" Siegel and Costas Mandylor as Frank Costello.

It's basically about four young gangsters who grow up to be big gangsters.

Now, I don't mean to imply "Mobsters" is a bad movie because it's not. It's got a solid storyline and some pretty decent performances by one or two of the young actors.

It also has a couple of pretty great performances by veterans F. Murray Abraham and Anthony Quinn who play opposing syndicate leaders.

The problem is "Mobsters," along with any other mafia-type movies made after 1974, is doomed to be judged in comparison to two of the greatest movies ever made, "The Godfather" and "The Godfather II." This review will be no excep-



Tom Linthicum
Staff reporter

before. But Patrick Dempsey? Are you serious? I'll always think of Dempsey as that little goof in "Can't Buy Me Love." And Costas Mandylor? ... Wait a minute. ... Who the hell is Costas Mandylor? ... I don't know.

Anyway, the point is, it's hard to take a mafia movie seriously when the four main tough guys couldn't collectively intimidate my sweet, sick, old grandmother.

But, again, this is not a bad movie.

How can I put this? If "The Godfather" is filet mignon, "Mobsters" is a nice, juicy butt-steak. Satisfying, but only because you don't expect much from it.

"The Godfather" aside, "Mobsters" offers a good, exciting, shoot-'em-up gangster flick. There's enough murder and bloodshed to satisfy even the most twisted slasher-movie fan. And that's good enough for me.

So my suggestion? Go ahead and rent "Mobsters." But have a couple of beers handy and don't expect an Oscar winner.

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Flowers and Valentine's Day=A+ for everyone

by Chandra Burdette
Staff reporter

With Valentine's Day just around the corner, lovers, young and old, are frantically searching for the perfect gift for their sweetheart.

Flowers seem to be the most popular gift at Valentine's Day, and it has been said both men and women send flowers to the people they care about.

Dottie Rogers, an employee at Ellensburg Floral says, when a customer walks into Ellensburg Floral at this time of year, they know exactly what they want.

"A single wrapped red rose is what most men want," Rogers said. "If we're out then we have to sell them on something else," she said.

"The wrapped, single red rose is the highest in demand every year, but we sell many other kinds of flowers, as well," she said.

Tropical flowers such as Orchids, Birds of Paradise, and Ginger, are also in high demand.

There are many items a girl would love to have for Valentine's Day, other than flowers.

Most flower shops sell balloons, and candy which are also

popular gifts for this romantic holiday.

Other gift ideas include romantic dinners, and jewelry. Tonya Etchield, a freshman at Central said, "I would like jewelry."

Lisa Bentson, also a freshman at Central said, "I would like a romantic dinner for Valentine's Day, with candles and a bouquet of a dozen red roses on the table."

If flowers are what you have in mind to give to your special someone for Valentine's Day, order early.

Valentine's Day is one of the busiest holidays for flower shops, Rogers said.

Mothers Day, Easter and birthdays probably come next on the list, she said.

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SPORTS

Central hammers Vikes

Win puts 'Cats in first place with four games to go

by Ron Munson
Sports editor

Central's men's basketball team pole-vaulted its way into first place in the NAIA District 1 last Saturday, by humbling Western, 84-62.

The win, Central's sixth straight, puts the 'Cats in excellent position for the playoffs with four road games left in the regular season. All four games are on the road.

Central (7-3, 16-10) played Puget Sound last night but the results from that contest were not available at presstime.

Puget Sound (2-6, 11-11) was coming off a big win over Lewis and Clark State last Saturday night. The loss dropped L.C. State (5-3, 16-8) into fourth place. The 'Cats play L.C. State Feb. 26.

Western gets a shot at redemption when they host the Wildcats on Feb. 29. That regular-season finale promises to be a fireworks show and could be the district title game.

In the Western game last Saturday, Central's stingy defense allowed only 62 points by Western, who came into the game second in the league in scoring, averaging 83.4 points per game.

The 'Cats defense forced 26 turnovers including 16 in the first half. Central took advantage of the mistakes and took a 39-31 lead into the lockerroom at halftime.



Jason Pepper shoots the jump shot over a Viking.

The first eight minutes of the second half proved to be too much for the Vikings, as Central outscored them 17-5.

Western closed the gap to ten but Central would have nothing to do with the surge by rallying to an 80-58 lead late in the game.

Jeff Albrecht led the 'Cats with four steals. Ryan Pepper and Terry Britt both had three.

Britt led the 'Cats in rebounding with eight. Heath Dolven led Central in scoring with 21 points. Jason Pepper and Larry Foster added 19 and 18 points respectively.

District 1 standings as of Feb. 11				
	League		Season	
	W	L	W	L
Central Washington	7	3	16	10
Western Washington	6	3	16	9
St. Martin's	5	3	16	8
Lewis-Clark State	5	3	16	8
Simon Fraser	5	4	16	9
Seattle	5	5	12	12
Puget Sound	2	6	11	11
Sheldon Jackson	1	11	2	20

Wildcat's remaining schedule

Feb. 12 at Puget Sound

Feb. 22 at St. Martin's

Feb. 26 at Lewis-Clark State

Feb. 29 at Western

Note: all games start at 7 p.m.

Former Wildcat, Jay Shinnick, was held to four first-half points, including 0-3 from three point range.

Central's next game will be at St. Martins College, Feb. 22.

Season ends swimmingly

Central's last duel meet Friday against Puget Sound

Central, after sweeping dual meets with Whitman and Whitworth last Wednesday and Friday, completes its dual meets season this Friday hosting Puget Sound. The meet gets underway at 6 p.m.

Earlier this season, Central's men dropped a 127-77 decision to the Loggers in Tacoma, one of two defeats this season for the 'Cats. Central has won four. Central's women, also 4-2 in duals, will be competing against Puget Sound for the first time this winter.

Last week, Central's men defeated Whitman 125-58 and Whitworth 126-69, while the women beat Whitman 134-71 and Whitworth 121-59. The 'Cats posted a total of 22 new national qualifying marks in the two meets.

Central's divers accounted for half of the qualifying marks. Against Whitman, Marilyn Quinto and Teresa Forbes each qualified in both women's one-meter and three-meter and Tom Wright, Mike Sandbeck, Robb Nichols and Jason Calhoun qualified in the men's one-meter.

Wright, Calhoun and Sandbeck then qualified in the three-meter against Whitworth.

Other national qualifiers against Whitman included Jeff Davis in the 100-yard breaststroke, Shannon Pinquoch in the women's 50-yard free, Nikki Wilson in the 100-yard butterfly and Molly Smith in the 100-yard backstroke.

Qualifiers against Whitworth were Greg Samuelson in the 50-yard free, Brian Stemp and Kevin Finerty in the 100-yard backstroke, Pinquoch and Ali Landry in the women's free and Smith and Tyann Youngquist in the 100-yard free.

Several swimmers also improved on previous national qualifying marks in the two meets. Against Whitman, they included Smith in the women's 200-yard individual medley, Stacey Bell in the 100-yard backstroke and Allison Walsh in the 500-yard freestyle.

Improving qualifying times on Friday were Wright and Nichols in one-meter diving, Julie Morris in the women's free and Annette Harris in the 100-yard fly.

Posting non-national qualifying Central season-best marks on Wednesday were John Skroch in the 500-yard free and 200-yard backstroke, Carl Anderson in the 1000-yard free and Sig Kohl in the 100-yard free.

On Friday, Skroch improved on his 500 time and bested Anderson's time in the 1000. Davis in the men's 200-yard free and Walsh in the women's 1000 also swam the best times of the year for the 'Cats. Central's women also swam their fastest 200-yard free and 200-yard medley relay times of the year.



A little Wildcat in the lap of luxury.

Jeff Weber/Special to Observer

Lady 'Cats chasing playoffs

by Ron Munson
Sports editor

Central's women's basketball team will host No. 1 ranked nationally Simon Fraser tonight at 7 in Nicholson Pavilion.

The game marks the second contest for the Lady 'Cats in a six-game, nine-day sprint that will end the regular season.

The Lady 'Cats can advance to the playoffs with any two

wins or any two district losses by Puget Sound.

Central is looking for its first playoff berth since 1988.

Central rallied from a six-point deficit to beat Puget Sound on Feb. 4, 72-69.

The win dropped the Loggers two and a half games out of sixth place, behind Central. The top six teams qualify for the district playoffs.

Diane Toole keyed the comeback scoring nine of her career-

high 15 points in a 12-0 Central run late in the game.

Stacey Gordon scored a team-high 20 points for the Lady 'Cats.

Gordon ranks sixth in the district in scoring and fifth in three-point shooting.

Barb Shuel is eighth in scoring and is seventh in field goal percentage, steals and blocked shots for the 'Cats. Shuel had a career-high 15 rebounds in the game against UPS.

Thompson ties record, prepares for nationals

Kenny Thompson equaled his own Central school record and qualified for the NAIA National Indoor meet in the high jump with a leap of six feet, eleven inches, Saturday in the Eastern Open Indoor.

Thompson finished second to Brent Harken of the Four Winds Track Club who leaped seven feet, two and a half inches. Central's Keith Baker also qualified for the nationals in the 55 meter dash, placing third. James Mitchell who had previously qualified, finished second.

Baker won the 55 meter hurdles in a season-best time. Baker previously had qualified for nationals in that event.

Central travels to Moscow, Idaho, this Saturday to compete in an indoor meet at the University of Idaho.

PLU dumps 'Cat matmen

by Eric Sawyer
Staff reporter

The 'Cats fell to 7-7 in dual meets last week losing two on the road.

Pacific Lutheran dropped the 'Cat matters 29-14 in Tacoma last Wednesday. Central had just three wins in the match. Nick Nastri won to boost his record to 15-7. He won on points over 'Lute wrestler Roy Gonzales.

Lee MacDiarmid mugged the 'Lute's Rob Simpson 19-8 to

run his team leading record to 31-5. The 31st win gives him sole possession of second place in the record books for single season wins.

The other win for the 'Cats against the 'Lutes was Roger Shoups 19-4 drubbing of Tom Williams. The win bumps Shoups record to 16-9.

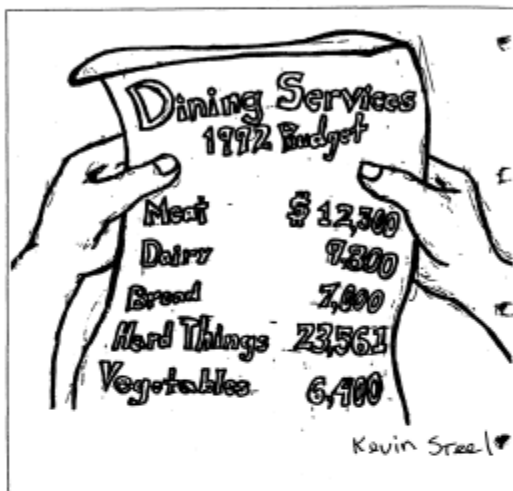
The team traveled to Coeur d'Alene to take on North Idaho College, a wrestling machine.

"They're just a CC," you say, "we should be able to beat them." "Most of the kids that

wrestle for them get scholarships to division 1 schools," said Central Sports Information Director Bob Guptill.

The 'Cats were bent up to a tune of 47-4. Adam Scanlon was the lone winner for the 'Cats. He won impressively 18-5 over Ed Alva. The team had to wrestle without several of its top winners. They also were forced to forfeit at four weight categories.

The District tournament will be held at PLU on the 22nd of this month. This is a last chance for some of the wrestlers on the team who have not already qualified for the nationals to do so. Seven have already begun packing their bags for the trip to Hays, Kans. The meet has only five schools competing, so in order to qualify for the "big one," they'll have to win their weight division, second place is not good enough.



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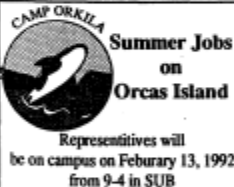
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